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18 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William E. Colby

SUBJECT : The DIA Manuals

1. Thanks to a call from [redacted] office (instigated by the latter), I think I now have the story on the DIA manuals in reasonable focus:

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a. In August of 1971, while [redacted] was testifying before the Moorhead Committee, he mentioned these manuals as the "bible" under which he operated. Moorhead's Committee (or its staff) asked Defense for a copy, levying the request through Mr. Rady Johnson's office. Johnson went to General Bennett (then Director of DIA) who came to Mr. Helms. Helms said that sections III and IV (which are apparently also chapters 11 through 18) could not be released to Moorhead because they contained information about sources and methods which Helms was obligated by statute to protect. Helms put this judgment in writing in a 26 August 1971 letter to Bennett. The Moorhead Committee was therefore given the manuals minus those sections which Helms had asked be withheld.

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b. In April 1973, Congressman McClosky asked for these same manuals, which he identified as the "DICOM." Defense, considering Helms' 26 August 1971 letter still operative, made the same decision as before. Fred Buzhardt, then DOD General Counsel, wrote McClosky a letter on 23 April 1973 explaining why portions of these memoranda were not releasable. Either he or one of his

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subordinates then hand-carried this note to McClosky along with the portions of the manuals which had been given to the Moorhead Committee for McClosky to read.

c. Jack Marsh (Johnson's replacement) and General Furlong (his deputy) have been in touch with Joe O'Neill on the Symington Committee's request for what appears to be the same documents. As I understand it, the Armed Services Committee has sections I and II (presumably chapters I through X) but does not have sections III and IV. After we see the documents you -- or technically General Walters as Acting DCI -- will probably have to make a formal determination on the releasability of these portions of the manuals to Symington's Committee and/or its staff.

2. Just as I finished dictating the above, the manuals arrived and are appended hereto. Volume I has chapters numbered 11 through 18, which appear in its Part IV. Volume II's chapters 11 through 18 constitute its Parts III and IV and are followed by five appendices. I suspect it is the last half of Volume II which was withheld from the Moorhead Committee.

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Attachments

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1 - General Walters

1 - Mr. Maury

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